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## New Hampshire to hold primaries January 10

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) -New Hampshire will hold its presidential primary elections on January 10, maintaining its first-in-the-nation primary status, state officials said yesterday

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Part of the first round of voting that will see Iowa hold its caucuses a week earlier on January 3, the primaries will help select the Republican party's nominee to challenge President Barack Obama's reelection campaign.

"It is my honor and privilege to say this morning the tradition of the New Hampshire primary lives on," New Hampshire Secretary of State Bill Gardner said.

Gardner noted that the winner of the primaries in this small northeastern state of 1.3 million has historically gone on to become president, apart from three exceptions.

His announcement came after a scramble between a handful of states when key battleground state Florida broke Republican Party rules by moving its primary up to January 31.

The move prompted South Carolina Republicans to move

up their primary date to January 21 and Nevada to initially decide to hold its vote on the 14th.

New Hampshire then threatened it would have to shift its vote to December due to a state law requiring seven days to pass between its contest and similar elections.

But Nevada eventually capitulated to Gardner and announced it would hold its caucuses on February 4, allowing New Hampshire to keep its primary in January.

## Obama regains top spot in Forbes most powerful list

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama has regained the top spot in Forbes magazine's list of the world's most powerful people, edging out Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin and last year's winner, Chinese President Hu Jintao, who slipped down to third.

## Cruise ship passengers now receive an artistic, informative welcome

A collaborative effort between a number of Aruban ministries and agencies was unveiled yesterday morning, as passengers of the ships Crystal Symphony and Island Princess were welcomed by a spanking new Information Desk and corridor of kiosks dedicated to local craftsmen and their arts.



ATA CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe Croes

Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber and Minister of Economic and Social Affairs and Culture, Michelle Hooyboer-Winklaar both expressed their great satisfaction in seeing this new booth, unique in all the Caribbean, established at the cruise terminal in Oranjestad; another at the airport to soon follow. After some time surveying passengers passing through the terminal as to what they felt was needed to make their arrival more memorable, information booth conceptualized and actualized by both ministries, along with the Aruba Tourism Associa-

This is Aruba's first on-island official tourism information booth, dedicated to informing visitors about important natural, historical and cultural sites, without any



ATA Director Adolfo Boekhoudt



vested interest other than vacationers have an optimally enjoyable visit.

The booth was designed by Angel Osorio, Managing Di-

rector of Art and Design, "with the specific intention of providing an authentic Aruban ambiance."

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#### Fashion Week in Focus:

## Celebrity designers and fashionistas will be spotted around Aruba beginning today!



FRI 04/11 3:30 PM scutaro.net

the Tonight inaugural ARUBA IN STYLE Fashion Week, in partner with IMG, veteran producers of such exciting events, will begin with a Fashion & Cocktail Night Out at the Renaissance Mall, the hub of the 4-day event. AIS Founders Damilice Mansur, Eva Wever and Ronchi de Cuba welcomed Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Transport & Labor, Otmar Oduber and Aruba Tourism Authority CEO Ronella Tjin Asjoe-Croes for the official announcement of the designers whose special created collections for the AIS will be

gracing the runways at the Renaissance Convention Center on Friday and Saturday, November 4 & 5.

Runway shows will begin at 3:30 with the Venezuelan Designer Group followed at 4:30 with the Colombian Group. Friday's 3:30 runway event will be Dutch Designers. Featured designers are: Luis Braccal, Parke & Ronen, Ricardo Pineres, Marga Weimans, Marcus van Bergen, Nicolas Felizola,



Aqua di Lara, Beach Bunny, Custo Barcelona, diNeila, Edwin Oudshoorn, Eva



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Zissu, Giovanni Scutaro, Issa London and Jorge Duque.

Special individual couture shows are: diNeila, around the pool of the Renaissance Beach Suites on Friday, Nov 3 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM followed by ISSA London back in the formal runway room at



the Renaissance Convention Center at 8:00 PM. There will be an AIS party on Renaissance Island from 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM featuring Parke & Ronen.

On Saturday, Marcelo

Cuadros will show his collection created just for AIS at 4:30 PM on the Renaissance Runway. "A Special Occasion with Kathy Hilton," mother of Paris and Nikki Hilton, will take place in the Fiesta Garden, at the far end of the Renaissance Market Place, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM, followed by the Beach Bunny show on the Runway and then Custo Barcelona at 9:00 PM. At 9:30 the Eva Zissu After Party will start at Casa Tua Barcelona Restaurant, located behind the Renaissance Hotel.



Sunday will finish the AIS fashion week with a spectacular Aqua di Lara show in collaboration with Kok Optica of Aruba, who will accent the designer's resort wear with Emillio Pucci and



Porche eyewear. This will be conducted around the pool of the Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. The gala ARUBA IN STYLE Closing Party will take place Sunday, Nov 6 from 7:00 to 10:00 PM on Renaissance Island.

Tickets for these fabulous, glamorous events are on sale at the AIS office in the Renaissance Mall and at select Red Sail Sports locations. For more detailed information on designers, collections and events, visit the ARUBA IN STYLE Fashion Week website and their Facebook page for up-to-the-minute news, changes or additions to the schedule.

by Rosalie Klein







#### Cruise ship passengers now receive an artistic, informative welcome

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The stand resembles the traditional coral rock walls piled up to mark off property, and cheerful, tropical colors as are found in the official Aruba logo.

The kiosks that line the path out of the terminal to Oranjestad reflect local architecture and are also very bright and cheerful. Here visitors can find mementoes authentically crafted on Aruba, often meeting the artist and having the opportunity to discuss their work.

Minister Hooyboer-Winklar credits Ministry of Culture employee Stanley Dabian with the concept; "He is the mastermind behind all of this," she commented.

Aruban tourism execu-



tives have always been forward-thinking in ways to encourage visitors to experience what is truly Aruban in nature on the island, and to get beyond the beach and resorts to



discover the rest of the island. It is their belief these booths will be a very welcome addition to major entry ports.

by Rosalie Klein



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#### **INNOVATION SUMMIT on November 14th**

## Gallup to discuss importance of workforce engagement for innovation

After the success of the first Innovation Summit organized earlier this year by the National Council for Innovation & Competitiveness (NCIC), Aruba will now host its second Innovation Summit on Monday November 14th. The Innovation Summit II serves as the official launch of the Small Business Week, geared at business development and growth, and specifically, innovation and entrepreneurship of micro, small, and medium-sized organizations. The Small Business Week is organized by the Ministry of Economic Affairs, in collaboration with the Aruba Investment Bank, the Chamber of Commerce, the National Council for Innovation & Competitiveness, Aruba Bank, and the Free Zone Aruba NV.

The Gallup Organization

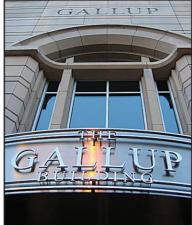
The Innovation Summit II will feature the prestigious Gallup organization, known for its polling services and leadership development programs. Gallup has studied human nature and behavior for more than 75 years. Gallup's reputation for delivering rele-

vant, timely, and visionary research on what people around the world think and feel is the cornerstone of the organization.

Gallup employs many of the world's leading scientists in management, economics, psychology, and sociology, and their consultants assist leaders in identifying and monitoring behavioral economic indicators worldwide. Gallup consultants help organizations boost organic growth by increasing customer engagement and maximizing employee productivity through measurement tools, coursework, and strategic advisory services.

Engage to Innovate

During his recent visit to Washington DC, Prof. Dr. Ryan Peterson, president of the NCIC, had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Gerver Torres of the Gallup Organization. During their meeting, both economists readily concluded that there can be no sustainable innovation without significant improvements in productivity, workforce engagement, and human capital development.



The need for education, engagement and energizing the workforce and labor markets is particularly acute in Latin America and the Caribbean; and this situation is no different for Aruba, where productivity has been stagnant for over decade, Peterson remarks.

During his keynote address, Mr. Gerver Torres will focus on the role of human capital for innovation, and specifically on the importance of engaging the workforce to increase productivity. According to Gerver, "the world's top-performing organizations understand that employee engagement is a force that drives business outcomes. Research shows that engaged employees are more productive employees. They are more profitable, more customer-focused, safer, and more likely to withstand temptations to leave the organization. In the best organizations, employee

engagement transcends a human resources initiative - it is the way they do business. Employee engagement is a strategic approach supported by tactics for driving improvement and organizational change. The best performing companies know that developing an employee engagement strategy and linking it to the achievement of corporate goals will help them win in the marketplace".

Mr. Gerver Torres is an economist working with the Gallup Organization as a Managing Partner for Latin America. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of the International Monetary Fund and a consultant for the World Bank, the Inter-American De-

velopment Bank and the United Nations Organization on different issues, including labor restructuring, productivity, macroeconomic policies and social impacts of economic reforms.

He has provided technical assistance to governments in Latin America, Asia and the Middle East on labor restructuring and regulatory environments. He has published several papers and books, including; "Labor conditions and productivity"; "To transform a country we need more than economic reforms"; "The third wave of privatization"; and "Municipal services: small scale privatizations".

#### Pre-registration

The Innovation Summit II is open to everyone with innovation at heart. It will be held at the Renaissance Convention Center on Monday November 14th and registration starts at 8am. Pre-registration is recommended at ncic.aruba@ua.aw.The entrance fee is an open mind, an innovation spirit, and an engaging attitude.



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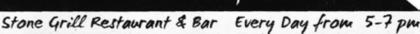
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#### TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

#### Aid ships in new bid to run Gaza blockade

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Two ships carrying medical aid and activists have set sail from Turkey in a new bid to to break Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip, pro-Palestinian activists said yesterday.

A statement issued by the Freedom Waves group said the mini-flotilla made up of one

Irish ship and one Canadian ship had left Fethiye on Turkey's south coast yesterday afternoon and planned to arrive in Gaza on Friday. The group said the two boats, the Canadian Tahrir and the Irish Saoirse were carrying 27 people, including journalists and crew members, along with

\$30,000 worth of medicines.

"Two civilian boats, the Canadian Tahrir (Liberation), and the Irish Saoirse (Freedom)... are currently in international waters making their way to the beleaguered Gaza Strip to challenge Israel's ongoing criminal blockade of the territory," the statement said.

## Syria regime 'fully accepts' Arab peace plan

CAIRO (AFP) - Syria yesterday fully accepted an Arab League plan to end nearly eight months of bloodshed, a League official said, but Washington said President Bashar al-Assad still had to go.

Assad's regime had come under huge pressure from fellow Arab states to sign up to the deal brokered by the pan-Arab bloc to end its deadly crackdown on anti-government protests to avoid the internationalisation of the crisis.

Under the hard-won deal announced at a meeting of Arab foreign ministers in Cairo after months of prevarication by Damascus, the regime agreed to a complete halt to violence against civilians and to consultations by Arab mediators aimed at opening up a dialogue with the opposition.

"The Syrian delegation accepted the Arab League plan without reservations and in its entirety," the League official said.

The blueprint, a copy of which was obtained by AFP, provides for a "complete halt to the violence to protect civilians."

But on a day on which activists said that more than 30 more people were killed in violence, the White House said the only way forward was for Assad to quit.

"Our position remains that President Assad has lost his legitimacy to rule and should step down," White House spokesman Jay Carney said. "We support all international efforts that are aimed towards convincing the regime to stop attacking its own people and perpetrating violence against its own people. But our position on Assad has not changed."

More than 3,000 people have died in the government's bloody crackdown on the unprecedented protests against Assad's rule which broke out in mid-March, according to UN figures.

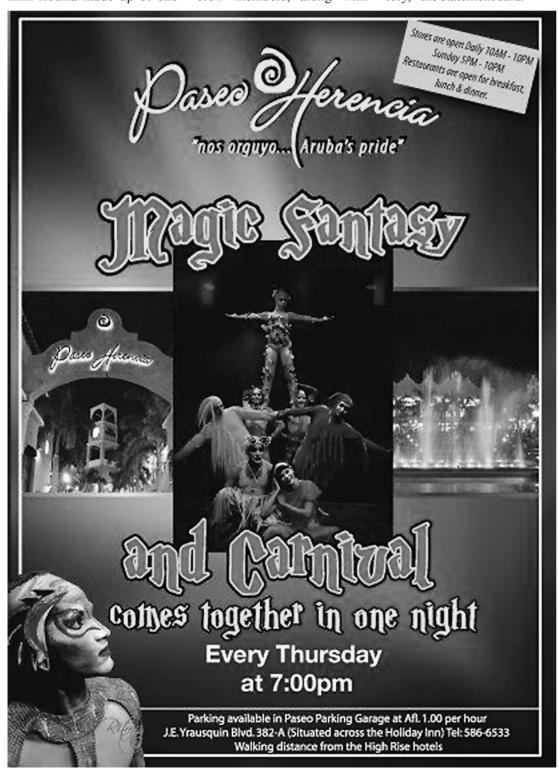
It also calls for the "release of people detained as a result of the recent events, the withdrawal of forces from towns and districts where there have been armed clashes, and the granting of access to the Arab League, and Arab and international media."

It stipulates that "the Arab ministerial committee (headed by the prime minister of Qatar) will conduct consultations with the government and the various Syrian opposition parties aimed at launching a national dialogue."

The text does not specify a venue for the dialogue, a bone of contention between the government, which insists on Damascus, and the opposition which says it should be outside Syria.

UN chief Ban Ki-moon said it was vital that Assad's regime now swiftly implement the agreement in full.

"He must implement the agreement as soon as possible as agreed," Ban told a news conference in Tripoli.





#### Lohan jailed for 30 days, but eyes quick release

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Troubled US actress Lindsay Lohan was sentenced to 30 days behind bars yesterday after admitting she had violated the terms of her probation after previous legal tangles.

But legal sources suggested the 25-year-old could be released earlier, or even not actually be jailed at all, rather like her previous in-and-out jail terms in the last year or

Judge Stephanie Sautner ordered Lohan to surrender to county jail by November 9 to begin the sentence, while issuing a series of conditions to avoid serving another 270 days in jail.

In her latest court appearance, Lohan agreed to carry out more community service at the LA morgue and to undergo further psychotherapy sessions -- both of which she had already been ordered to do, but failed to fulfill.

The actress was ordered to return to court on December 14, after which she must attend roughly monthly court appointments to verify she is fulfilling the terms of the ruling.

"If you do all that, then this jail time (270 days) will be permanently stayed," said the judge, describing her ruling as 'putting the keys to the jail in the defendant's pockets.'

Lohan was sentenced to 35 days of house arrest in May, as part of a plea bargain over the alleged theft of a \$2,500 necklace from a jewelry shop near her home in Venice Beach.

Sautner ruled at that time that the starlet had violated her probation for a 2007 drug and drunk driving offense when she allegedly stole the necklace on January 22.

At yesterday's court appearance, Sautner ordered Lohan to report to the Century Regional Detention Facility in Lynwood, south of Los Angeles, by November 9 to begin serving the 30-day sentence.



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#### Quake rattles Pacific coast of Costa Rica

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AFP) - A mid-sized earthquake shook the Pacific coast of the Central American nation of Costa Rica yesterday, with no immediate reports of damage or casualties, local officials and US quake monitors said.

The 5.4-magnitude quake struck at 1:01 pm local time, said the US Geological Survey,

which monitors earthquakes around the world.

The quake was centered 24 kilometers (15 miles) southeast of Cabuya, in the province of Puntarenas, the Volcanological and Seismological Observatory of Costa Rica said.

The quake's epicenter was 19 kilometers (12 miles) below

#### Quakes shake island in Canaries

MADRID, (AFP) - An earthquake measuring 4.4 on the Richter scale shook El Hierro island in Spain's Canaries yesterday, the strongest tremor to hit the territory since an undersea volcanic eruption there last month.

The earthquake struck at 6:10 pm in the Atlantic off the town of Frontera, population 4,000, the National Geographical Institute said on its webof 23 kilometres (14 miles).

El Hierro was struck by a total of 77 earthquakes yesterday, including five that were strong enough to be felt by local residents, the institute

Experts advised that the possibility of a new volcanic eruption could not be confirmed or ruled out, said a spokeswoman for the Canary

"It could happen but in principle it is not imminent, the spokeswoman said.

No evacuations were under

The Spanish authorities sent tents, toilets and a canteen to the island to lodge 2,000 people in case of an evacuation, the regional government said in a statement.



#### **Health & Living**

#### Global leaders pledge to fight polio



PERTH (AFP) - World leaders added their weight to a push to eradicate polio, pledging millions of dollars in new funds to bring an end to the crippling and potentially fatal disease.

Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard, who is hosting the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Perth, said her country would spend Aus\$50 million (\$53.5 million) over four years towards the global fight.

"While polio remains anywhere in the world it is a threat to anyone," she told a joint news conference with leaders from Britain, Canada and two of the world's four polio endemic countries -- Pakistan and Nigeria -- by her side.

"We are here today to demonstrate our commitment to ending the fight against polio, that is ending polio for all time." Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said his country would commit further investments in polio surveillance and immunisations without giving a figure, while philanthropist Bill Gates pledged \$40 million in new funding.

"We're at a crossroads," Gates, co-chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, said via a video message, adding that recent cases in China highlighted the risk of polio spreading back across the globe.

Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan said he would raise annual spending on fighting polio from \$17 million to \$30 million from 2012.

Jonathan said while the disease had been reduced by 75 percent in the African nation, it remained present in some states and had started to make a comeback over the past year.

Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron, whose government in January pledged 40 million pounds (\$64.5 million) to fight the disease, said the world was in sight of eradicating the disease.

"Today for the vast majority of countries polio has been eliminated and the harrowing images of children in iron lungs banished to the past," he

said

"If we fail to get rid of polio we run the risk of seeing it spread back to countries from which it has been eradicated," he said.

Polio remains a challenge for the 54-nation Commonwealth, with three of the four of the world's endemic countries -- India, Nigeria and Pakistan -- members. Afghanistan is the fourth state in which the highly contagious disease has not been eradicated.

Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani said he was concerned that polio had re-emerged in his country, which shares a long, rugged and porous border with warravaged Afghanistan.

"This situation is totally unacceptable," he said, adding that medical staff often had difficulty reaching those in need given the difficult terrain and the problem of insurgents.

In areas where the oral vaccine was most needed, he said, there were people who were "so fanatical they don't let the doctors into this area".

Gillard said it was possible the disease, which in 1954 held Perth in its grip, preventing Britain's Queen Elizabeth II from staying onshore during her maiden visit Down Under, could be ended for ever.

## Light drinkers have higher breast cancer risk: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Light to moderate alcohol drinkers have an increased risk of breast cancer compared to women who do not drink beer, wine or liquor, said a US study published on Tuesday.

Women who drink three to six glasses of alcohol per week have a 15 percent higher risk of getting breast cancer than women who do not drink, said the research led by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School.

Women who drink on average two glasses daily of alcohol show a 51 percent higher risk of breast cancer, said the study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Researchers followed 105,986 women who an-

swered survey questions about their health and alcohol consumption from 1980 until 2008.

The higher breast cancer risk was seen whether the women drank early in life or whether they were drinking after age 40, suggesting that even stopping may not have an effect on lowering risk.

The findings also present a dilemma for women who may choose to drink small amounts of alcohol, such as red wine, for heart health.

The study authors said that the reason for the boost in breast cancer risk remains unknown, but hypothesized that it could be due to the elevation of sex hormones circulating in a woman's system after she drinks alcohol.

### Canadian doctors see face in testicle

OTTAWA (AFP) - Doctors in Canada saw a divine face in the testes of a man admitted to a hospital with severe pain and an inflamed scrotum, a scientific journal article said Wednesday.

Or at least, that is one possible explanation.

Two years ago, doctors at a teaching hospital affiliated with Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, spotted what appeared to be a face in ultrasound images of a 45-year-old patient's scrotum.

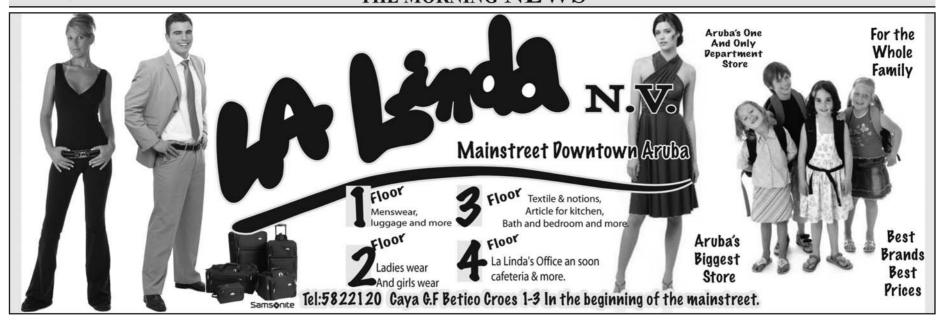
"While scrolling through

the ultrasound images, the residents and staff alike were amazed to see the outline of a man's face staring up out of the image, his mouth agape as if the face seen on the ultrasound scan itself was also experiencing severe (pain)," doctors Gregory Roberts and Naji Touma wrote in the journal Urology.

The discovery was published in the latest issue of the journal Urology under the banner "The Face of Testicular Pain: A Surprising Ultrasound Finding."







#### **Sci-Tech**

## Climate, humans share blame for megafauna demise



PARIS (AFP) - Climate drove the woolly rhino to extinction but early humans are more likely to blame for the demise of the bison, the wild horse and perhaps the mammoth too, according to a study released Wednesday.

"Some of both," in other words, is the answer to a long-standing wrangle as to whether climate shift or hunter-gatherers drove most of the northern hemisphere's Ice Age megafauna to an early grave, the study says.

For decades, experts have argued about the fate of these chill-loving mammals, which roamed the wilderness -- their numbers falling and rising with each glacial cycle -- for nearly two million years.

And then, after the peak of the last Ice Age about 20,000 years ago, things started to go wrong.

"The question is, what changed?" "Why were these mammals no longer able to find safe 'refugia', or havens, where they could survive in a warm climate?" asked Beth

Shapiro, a researcher at Penn State University and a co-author of the study.

Several dozen investigators led by Eske Willerslev of the University of Copenhagen sifted through genetic, climatic and archaeological data for six species: the woolly rhinoceros, woolly mammoth, wild horse, reindeer, bison and musk ox.

Genetic data made it possible to estimate roughly when and by how much populations of each species expanded or shrank as the climate changed and their habitat started to disappear.

This, in turn, was matched against shifts in temperature and precipitation as temperatures cooled and warmed across various glacial eras.

Finally, the archaeological clues showed the extent to which early humans might have influenced their survival.

"In locations where animal bones had been cooked or converted into spears, we know that humans lived there and were using them as a resource," Shapiro said.

Even without hunting, the overlap of human communities and animal ranges could have influenced whether the mammals survived, she added.

The picture that emerged is different for each species.

Homo sapiens never shared a living space with either the woolly rhino in Europe or the musk ox across Eurasia, the study showed.

This exculpates humans from their extinction in these locations and points to climate change as the likely cause.

For the other four big mammals, though, humans almost certainly helped shape their fate, but not always negatively.

"Something kept these animals from doing what they had always done before, which is finding an alternative refugia," said Shapiro. "That 'something' was probably us -- humans."

The combined evidence points an accusing finger at our species for the demise of the wild horse and the bison, especially across Siberia and in Asia.

Reindeers managed to find safe habitat in high arctic regions, escaping both rising global temperatures and humanity's voraciousness.

Why the woolly mammoth disappeared is still hotly debated, but the causes are probably multiple, the study concluded.

The last known population of the lumbering behemoths lived in isolation until 4,000 years ago on Wrangel Island, north of Siberia in the Arctic

#### Britain warns over statesponsored cyber attacks

LONDON (AFP) - British Foreign Secretary William Hague issued a warning on Wednesday to countries which sponsor cyber attacks, at the close of a global cyberspace conference in London.

He would not name and shame those responsible, saying the two-day talks were intended to be "constructive", but government advisor Pauline Neville-Jones said on Monday that Russia and China were "certainly some of them".

The conference, involving over 700 officials, security experts, technology firms and NGOs from more than 60 countries including Russia and China, failed to reach any formal agreement on the broad range of issues discussed.

But Hague said the talks made "important progress" towards setting out a global agenda, which will be followed up in conferences in Hungary in 2012 and South Korea in 2013.

## Google launches, and then pulls buggy Gmail iOS app

CALIFORNIA(AFP) Google Inc. released a native Gmail application for iOS into the wild yesterday, then returned it to captivity just as quickly. The application, which was available for free on Apple Inc. devices running iOS 4.0 or higher, lacked certain critical features: such as the ability to receive notification updates when readers got new mail.

Some things, such as the "important" markers of the Gmail Priority Inbox, appear where they wouldn't in Apple's Mail. Actions like labelling and forwarding are handled through a drop-down menu. However, Gmail does not feel like a "true" iOS app; things like the log-in screen and attachment handling feel very much like a browser window in a fancy wrapper.





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#### **Finance**

## Fed slashes growth forecast, sees higher unemployment

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The Federal Reserve yesterday slashed its US economic growth forecast for this year through 2013, and raised its previous estimates on unemployment.

After announcing monetary policy was left essentially unchanged in the face of economic growth that had "strengthened somewhat" in the third quarter, the Fed released a set of projections for 2011-2012, including 2014 estimates for the first time.

Gross domestic product growth is expected to increase only modestly -- by 1.6 to 1.7 percent -- this year, before picking up to a pace of between 2.5 and 2.9 percent next year, according to the central bank's latest economic projections

That marked a sharp downward revision from the Fed's June estimates of GDP growth of 2.7-2.9 percent in 2011 and 3.3-3.7 percent in 2012.

The unemployment rate was projected to hit 9.0-9.1

percent in the current fourth quarter, instead of the 8.6-8.9 percent rate seen less than five months ago.

For the 2012 fourth quarter, the jobless rate estimates were upwardly revised a half a percentage point or more, to a range between 8.5 percent and 8.7 percent.

According to research by Fed economists, growth rates of 2.5 percent would keep the economy in the doldrums well beyond 2021.

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#### Bernanke: MF Global bankruptcy an 'isolated case'

Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke on Wednesday said the collapse of Wall Street brokerage firm MF Global was not symptomatic of a broader problem in the financial sector.

"It appears to be an isolated case," said Bernanke, "so far we have not seen any significant impact on financial stability."

The firm filed for Chapter

11 bankruptcy protection in a New York bankruptcy court on Monday, making it the first major US casualty from the European debt crisis.



## World business leaders back Greek bailout

PARIS (AFP) - Powerful business leaders from the G20 countries urged European governments yesterday to push ahead with a Greek bailout deal despite a shock decision by Athens to hold a referendum on it.

The G20, made up of top business leaders from the world's leading economies, met yesterday on the eve of a two-day summit of heads of state in Cannes.

"The G20 in Cannes ex-

presses its support for the plan announced by the euro-zone governments last Thursday and urges the governments to move swiftly towards successful implementation of the plan," the group said in a statement

Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou stunned world markets and EU partners Tuesday by announcing a referendum on the hardfought deal agreed at an EU crisis meeting last week.

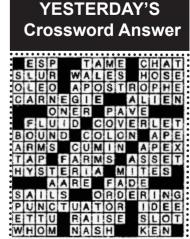
## IMF chief urges Europe to stick by Greek bailout deal

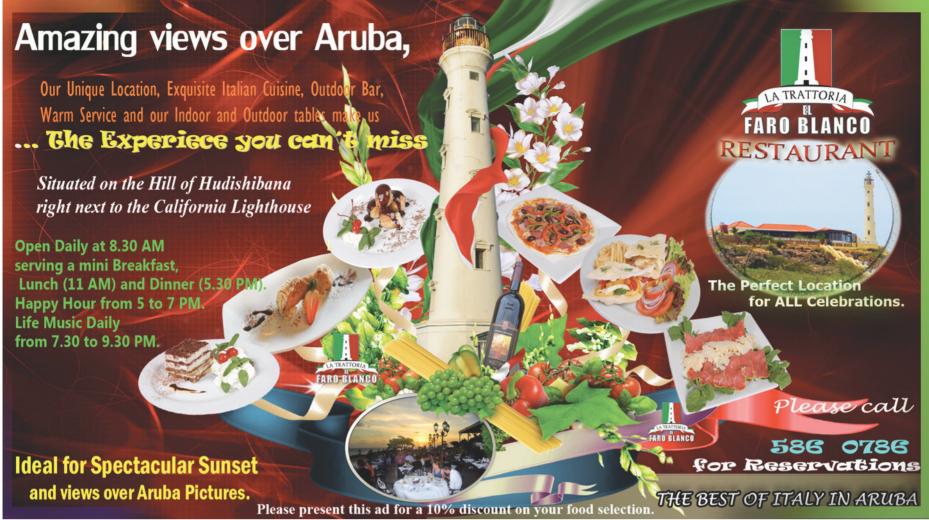
CANNES (AFP) - IMF chief Christine Lagarde urged European leaders yesterday to stick by their debt crisis plan despite Greece's plans to hold a referendum on the bailout deal.

Lagarde said what matters "is the resilience and the determination of the European partners... to take the matter forward to implement the agreement that has been agreed on the 27th of October" on measures to rescue Greece.

Last week Europe cobbled together a deal to wipe 100 billion euros off Greece's debt, strengthen banks and double the firepower of its bailout fund, but the Greek referendum threw this into question.

"Of course there are hiccups on the road, sometimes major hiccups," said Lagarde





#### Kardashian insists marriage was for love, not TV



launch in Sydney.

SYDNEY (AFP) - Reality television superstar Kim Kardashian Wednesday hit back at speculation her lavish wedding was a stunt, saying her short-lived marriage to Kris Humphries was for love, not television.

In Sydney to promote her ew handbag range, the celebrity revealed her pain after filing for divorce on Monday from basketball player Humphries, who she married less than three months ago.

"It's a hard time right now," said Kardashian, known for the reality show "Keeping Up with the Kardashians", who was mobbed by photographers and fans as she arrived at Sydney air-

"I don't really think I'm ready to get into the details of it. You know, I am following my heart," she told Australia's Network Ten.

The 31-year-old, who has been married and divorced once before, said it was painful to hear talk that her August 20 wedding to towering New Jersey Nets power forward Humphries, 26, was not genuine.

Kim Kardashian at her handbag bly the hardest part, just from the start there have been so many different

reports that just aren't true. Like my wedding cost \$10 million," she said.

"I married for love, anyone that would, you know, get married for a TV show, it's just, you know, ridiculous and it's just sad that I even have to defend that.

"I guess that's the kind of scrutiny you get when you live your life on a reality show but everything I do is, you know, just for love. I'm a hopeless romantic."

Kardashian said had made a donation to a charity to cover what people would have spent on wedding gifts,

feeling that this would be a better contribution than returning the presents.

Asked why she decided to continue with her plans to come to Australia so soon after the break-up she said he wanted to honour her prior commitment.

"I guess I kinda wanted to escape and come out here,' she said.

Kardashian became a household name in 2007 thanks to a sex tape with her then-boyfriend, and the ongoing "Keeping Up" series which tracks the dramas of her affluent Los Angeles family.

She announced her impending divorce on Monday, with court documents citing "irreconcilable differences" as the basis of the applica-

In a statement on her website on Tuesday, Kardashian said she wanted "a family and babies and a real life so badly that maybe I rushed in to something too soon."

"I felt like I was on a fast rollercoaster and couldn't get off when now I know I probably should have," she said.

"I got caught up with the hoopla and the filming of the TV show that when I probably should have ended my relationship, I didn't know how to and didn't want to disappoint a lot of people."

#### **Appeals court backs** CBS in Jackson breast case



WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US appeals court backed the CBS television network Wednesday in its long-running fight against a \$550,000 fine imposed over a broadcast in which pop superstar Janet Jackson briefly bared her breast.

The US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) levied the fine against CBS in 2006 for breaking indecency rules during a halftime performance by Jackson at the 2004 Super Bowl, the championship game of the National Football League.

CBS appealed the fine and the "wardrobe malfunction" case has wound its way through the courts since then.

Two years ago, US Supreme Court ordered the 3rd US Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia to re-examine its verdict in favor of CBS which

nullified the fine.

In its ruling on Wednesday, the appeals court again came down in favor of CBS, saying the FCC had acted "arbitrarily" in penalizing the TV network CBS.

'CBS cannot be held liable unless it consciously and deliberately broadcast the spematerial deemed indecent," the court said.

Jackson, the youngest sister of the late Michael Jackson, was performing live at the Super Bowl when fellow pop star Justin Timberlake tore off her bustier, exposing her breast for a fraction of a second to some 90 million viewers.

CBS apologized for the incident but in 2004 it was ordered to pay the fine, the stiffest penalty the agency could levy against the network.



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#### Justin Bieber slams 'malicious' paternity claim



afp file-photo Justin Bieber

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Teen pop sensation Justin Bieber vowed "vigorous" legal action Wednesday after a 20-year-old reportedly claimed he fathered her baby, saying the assertion is "malicious" and demonstrably false.

According to the tabloid Star magazine, Mariah Yeater says she and 17-year-old Bieber had sex backstage at one of his shows in Los Angeles, and that she gave birth to a baby boy three months ago.

The magazine, which

splashed a picture of mother and baby on its front cover, said Yeater's lawyers had filed a lawsuit on Monday.

"While we haven't yet seen the lawsuit, it's sad that someone would fabricate, malidefamatory demonstrably false claims," said a statement by Bieber's publicist. "We will vigorously pursue all available legal remedies to defend and protect Justin against these allegations," it added.

The pop sensation soared to stardom after videos of his performances were posted on YouTube, with his album "My World 2.0" hitting the top of the US charts in 2010.

His music video "Baby" is one of the most-watched clips ever posted on YouTube, with more than 640 million viewers.

#### New 'Sound of Music' exhibit in Salzburg

VIENNA (AFP) -Salzburg Museum unveiled Wednesday a new exhibit with all aspects of the "Sound of Music" from the von Trapp family's real lives to the massively successful 1965 Oscarwinning film.

Using 180 items from several collections in the United States and Europe, some of which have never been seen before, it explores the runaway popularity of the singing-and-dancing family both before and after World War II.

"There probably isn't a own with more than 50,000 people in America where we didn't perform," Johannes von Trapp, whose mother Maria Augusta von Trapp was played by Julie Andrews in the movie, said in Salzburg on Wednesday.

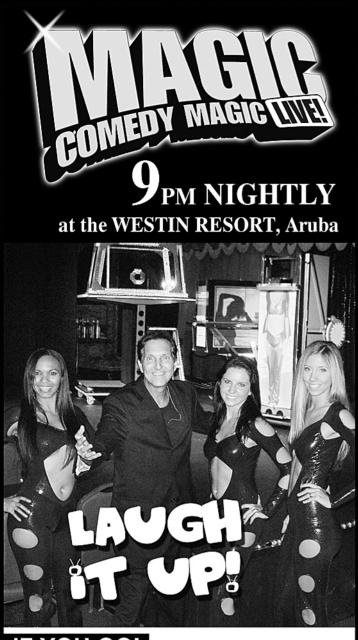
The second half of the exhibition focuses on the film, one of the most successful of

all time, and includes 15 different versions of Rodgers and Hammerstein's song "Do-remi", including in Hebrew, Japanese and Icelandic.

Even though the film attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists to Salzburg every year, the "Sound of Music" has long been ignored by locals, and it was only last month that the feelgood musical was performed there for the first time.

Museum director Erich Marx said part of the reason for this was that inhabitants were uncomfortable with the fact that the von Trapp family had to flee Austria because of the Nazis.

"I think it is to do with shame and a bad conscience that we in Salzburg were also responsible for the courageous Baron von Trapp and his family ending up in the awkward situation they did," he said.



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## Tennis: Rusty Federer fights past 'great' Nieminen

BASEL (AFP) - Roger Federer needed ten aces and a fighting finish in a 6-1, 4-6, 6-3 win over Finland's Jarkko Nieminen which secured his place in the quarter-finals of the Swiss Indoors on Wednesday.

Out of action for six weeks, the Swiss third seed was tested for the first time by his longtime rival in a series which began in 2002. Since they began in Moscow nine years ago, Federer had won all 11 matches in straight sets.

Fellow 30-year-old Niemimen, a finalist two weeks ago in Stockholm, achieved a personal goal as he finally won a set off the Swiss, taking the second with two breaks of Federer's serve and despite double-faults on two of four set points.

It took a big effort in the third set for 16-time grand slam winner Federer to re-establish control. But he still needed three match points to end with a cross-court winner

after just over 90 minutes.
"I'm really happy to go through, said Federer, the fourtime tournament champion and holder. "The second set was really tough and Jarkko played very well.

"He was also great at the end of the third (set). I found it tough to get my rhythm, it's a result of not playing for six weeks. To stay at your highest level you have to play consis-



tently and I didn't manage to do that all the time today.

Federer's hard-fought victory took him to 26 wins from his last 27 matches in Basel, where his only loss in that period came in the 2009 final to Novak Djokovic.

Federer is without a title since the first week in January and is hoping for a big season finish this week, next week in Paris and at the eight-man season wrapup in London from November 20.

The field of leading seeds was reduced to Federer and Serbia's number one Djokovic as second seed Andy Murray withdrew with a right buttock muscle strain.

The world number three was replaced in the draw by Baselborn Marco Chiudinelli. Ironically, his wild card was withdrawn by the tour in order to give it to Murray at late notice last week but he went on to lose to Robin Haase 6-2, 7-6 (9/7).

Murray said he woke up around 3 a.m. (0200 GMT) on Tuesday with pain in his buttock. "I was struggling to walk," said Murray. "I had trained twice on Monday and felt fine after that.

Murray said he will travel to Paris on today and take four or five days off with anti-inflammatory treatment in the hope of being fit for the final event of the regular ATP season starting on Monday, the Paris Masters.

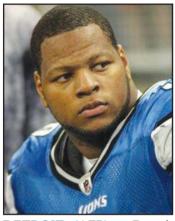
Murray's pull-out was the second of the day after Serb sixth seed Janko Tipsarevic was unable to go on when he was trailing 5-1 in the first set against German Florian Mayer in their first round match.

Marcos Baghdatis Cyprus joined Federer in the last eight as he beat Swiss Michael Lammer 7-6 (7/2), 6-7 (2/7), 6-3, taking nearly two and a quarter-hours to go through.





#### NFL: Suh says talk with **Goodell productive**



DETROIT (AFP) - Detroit defender Lions star Ndamukong Suh got his meeting with NFL commissioner

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Roger Goodell on Tuesday, and said he came away with "a better understanding" of how to play the game.

Suh had requested the meeting at NFL headquarters in New York during the Lions' bye week to discuss the penalties and fines he has been as-

Lions coach Jim Schwartz and team president Tom Lewand also attended, Goodell

"I have gained a better understanding of how I need to continue to play the game to help my team win," Suh said in a statement.

"I look forward to the rest of the season and doing everything we can to bring the Lombardi Trophy to Detroit."

The Lions are 6-2 for the first time since 2007 as they vie for their first NFL title since 1956.

Suh has been a key contributor, but his rough style has brought him \$42,500 in fines since Detroit made him the second overall draft selection in 2009.

In August, he was fined a third time for roughing up a third quarterback in less than a year after he flung Cincinnati quarterback Andy Dalton to the field after he had gotten rid of the ball.

Suh, who is making \$40 million in guaranteed salary, has said he thinks it's hard for officials to tell if he's playing within the rules of an admittedly violent sport.

Goodell said he thought Suh had already made appropriate adjustments in his style, and the commissioner was pleased the player asked for the meeting to clarify a few more things.

"Ndamukong plays the game with great skill and passion and is a major reason for the Lions' success this year," Goodell said in a statement.

"In the course of our dialogue today, we reviewed showing video Ndamukong has clearly made the adjustments to play consistently within the rules so that he can continue to help the

#### dreaming of Olympic swansong LONDON (AFP) - Former England captain David Beckham on Wednesday reiterated side Los Angeles Galaxy. his desire play in next year's Olympics, insisting he was still fit enough to deliver at the

Football: Beckham

highest level of football. Beckham, 36, told the BBC

that playing for Great Britain in London was a "dream" and was adamant that he had no plans to hang up his boots after nearly 20 years as a professional footballer.

"We all dream about it and we all think about it," Beckham said when asked about the Olympics. "If it happens, I'll be honoured."

The former Manchester United and Real Madrid midfielder is currently in the final year of his contract with MLS

Although Galaxy have indicated a willingness to extend his contract, Beckham has also reportedly aroused interest from French side Paris Saint-Germain.

"At 36 years old, to still have that interest in me is an honour, I'm very flattered by that but right now I'm a Galaxy player and I will continue to be a Galaxy player until we win the league -- the MLS Cup -and then we'll see," he said.

Beckham, meanwhile, insisted he was unfazed by critics who say he can no longer play at the top level.

#### Baseball: Cubs sack manager

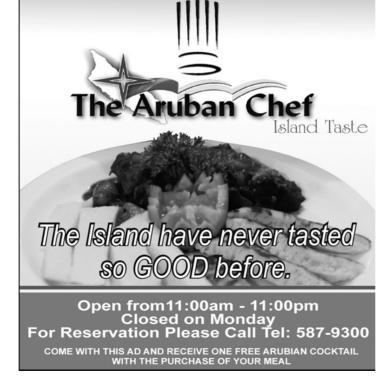
CHICAGO (AFP) - Mike Quade was fired as manager of the Chicago Cubs on Wednesday and the Major League Baseball club has already started the process of looking for his replacement.

Theo Epstein, new president of baseball operations for the Cubs after leaving the Boston Red Sox, announced the move on Wednesday after flying to Florida to tell Quade, 54, of the decision.

Quade, who met with Epstein and Cubs general manager Jed Hoyer last week, had one season and \$1 million remaining on the deal he signed a year ago after guiding the Cubs to a 24-13 mark following Lou Piniella's 2010 retire-

This past season, the Cubs went 71-91 under Quade, fifth in the National League Central division for the second year in

"Today I flew to Florida to inform Mike in person that the Cubs have decided not to bring him back as our manager for the 2012 season," Epstein said.







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## Boxing: Inspired Pacquiao ready for Marquez



LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Filipino boxing icon Manny Pacquiao has never looked so motivated to trainer Freddie Roach as he has in training to fight Juan Manuel Marquez next week and silence the Mexican fighter's taunts.

Pacquiao defends his World Boxing Organization welterweight crown against Marquez on November 12 at Las Vegas, the third fight in a trilogy that began with a 2004 draw and continued when "Pac-Man" won a 2008 split decision. With one point on one judge's scorecard all that has separated the fighters through 24 rounds, Marquez has long argued he beat Pacquiao twice, even wearing a shirt that said, "I beat Pacquiao twice" to a pre-

fight appearance in Manila.

"He's claiming he was robbed in the last two fights. This third fight will be the answer to all of that," Pacquiao said Wednesday.

"I'm not saying I'm going to knock him out but I have trained very hard for this fight. Whatever comes will come now. I have put in the hard work. I'm ready for this fight."

A photograph of Marquez adorns a wall behind the punching bag at the Los Angeles-area gymnasium where Pacquiao works out, a constant reminder and motivating force for the Philippines Congressman.

"I've never seen him as motivated as I have for this fight," Roach said. "Marquez went to the Philippines and embarrassed him, said a few things. That has pushed him to work harder in training camp.

Pacquiao, 53-3 with two drawn and 38 knockouts, has won 14 successive fights and seven in a row since his narrow decision over Marquez, the closest fight of his current run that has seen victories over Oscar de la Hoya, Ricky Hatton and Shane Mosley.

And the southpaw star expects this fight with Marquez to be more intense than the previous thrillers.

"I never underestimate Marquez. I train hard for this fight. I feel strong. In the last four years I've changed a lot." Marquez, 53-5 with one drawn and 39 knockouts, is 5-1 since losing to Pacquiao, the only loss coming by unanimous decision to unbeaten US star Floyd Mayweather in 2009 in Marquez's only prior welterweight outing before Pacquiao.

#### 'Trapped' Aamer says sorry for no-balls



LONDON (AFP) - Mohammad Aamer, the prodigious teenage Pakistan fast bowler, made an impassioned apology Wednesday for his involvement in the cricket spot-fixing scandal, saying his own stupidity had brought him down.

Aamer, 19, considered one of the hottest emerging talents in the game after becoming the youngest player to take 50 Test wickets, said he had got involved over his head and panicked

Aamer admitted conspiring to cheat and to accept corrupt payments for bowling two prearranged no-balls during the August 2010 Test between England and Pakistan at Lord's.

"I want to apologise to Pakistan and to everyone that cricket is important to. I do know how much damage this has done to the game, a game which I love more than anything else in the world," he said in a statement read out in court.

He said he decided months ago to admit bowling two noballs

He said he had let down people he admired and was prepared for the judge's decision.

Judge Jeremy Cooke dismissed claims that Aamer was only involved in one episode of spot-fixing, saying that text messages from murky contacts in Pakistan suggested he was also implicated in fixing during the preceding Test at The Oval.



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